

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: December 14, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:42 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Mary Moriarty Adams, Acting Chair
Patrice Abdullah
Jim Bradford
Dane Mahern
Angela Mansfield
Michael Speedy

ABSENT MEMBERS

Ginny Cain
Lonnell Conley, Chair
Scott Keller

AGENDA

Update on our parking meter technology pilot – presented by Will Johnson and Victoria Cluck, Department of Public Works, Division of Planning

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“Do Pass”

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 610, 2006 - authorizes 20 minute parking meters on Delaware Street near Market Street, and on Market Street near Illinois Street (District 15)

“Do Pass”

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PROPOSAL NO. 611, 2006 - authorizes changes in parking restrictions on St. Clair Street between Illinois Street and Meridian Street (District 15)

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PROPOSAL NO. 628, 2006 - appropriates \$1,650,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Flood Control District Bond Fund for the purposes of making a required payment on previously-approved Stormwater revenue bond issue, financed by Stormwater revenues

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PROPOSAL NO. 629, 2006 - authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of 11th Street and LaSalle Street (District 10)

“Do Pass”

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 630, 2006 - authorizes parking restrictions on Sheridan Avenue from Julian Avenue to the dead end (100 South) (District 21)

“Do Pass”

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 631, 2006 - authorizes parking restrictions in the Spring of Hamptons Subdivision (District 21)

“Do Pass”

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PROPOSAL NO. 632, 2006 - authorizes intersection controls for the Springs of Hamptons/Schmitt Farms Subdivision (District 21)

“Do Pass”

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 633, 2006 - authorizes intersection controls for the Woods of Grassy Creek Subdivision, Section 1 (District 21)

“Do Pass”

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 634, 2006 - authorizes parking restrictions on Webster Avenue from Julian Avenue to the Dead End (District 21)

“Do Pass”

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The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, December 14, 2006. Acting Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Dane Mahern, Angela Mansfield, and Mike Speedy. Jim Bradford arrived shortly thereafter. Absent were Chair Lonnell Conley, Ginny Cain, and Scott Keller.

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[Clerk's note: Councillor Bradford arrived at this time 5:16 p.m.]

Acting Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to move Proposal 628, 2006 up on the agenda. Consent was given.

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Barbara Lawrence, Executive Director, Indianapolis Bond Bank, said that when the Bond Bank issued bonds for the stormwater facility, the decision was made to put as much money in projects from the bond issue as possible rather than capitalizing interest, which takes money away from projects. She said that the Bond Bank is seeking approval to make a transfer from the Stormwater Fund balance to make the principal payment due January 1, 2007.

Councillor Speedy asked if the amount requested is a debt service payment. Ms. Lawrence answered that it is an interest payment and is not additional debt. Councillor Speedy asked if it is normal procedure for the Council to approve payments. Ms. Lawrence said that the Council's approval is needed in this instance because there was an option to capitalize the interest payment. She said that it could have been appropriated as part of the budget process, but due to timing, the bond issue transaction had to catch up with the budgetary transaction. Councillor Speedy asked when the debt was issued. Ms. Lawrence answered that she believes that it was closed on March 21, 2006. Councillor Speedy asked if the Council approved that funding. Ms. Lawrence answered in the affirmative. Councillor Speedy asked if this type of transaction will have to be approved by the Council every year. Ms. Lawrence answered in the negative. Chuck White, Deputy Controller, said that the payment is included in the 2007 budget, but this particular request was not included in the 2006 budget.

Councillor Abdullah moved, seconded by Councillor Bradford, to move Proposal No. 628, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Acting Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to hear Proposal Nos. 609, 610, 611, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, and 634, 2006 together. Consent was given.

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Nathan Sheets, Senior Project Manager, DPW, read all proposals. Acting Chair Moriarty Adams asked if the Councillors of each district signed off on the requests. Mr. Sheets answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Mansfield asked if traffic controls have never existed in the area mentioned in Proposal No. 609, 2006 or is the request to help slow down traffic. Mr. Sheets answered that occasionally when a new subdivision is accepted; DPW tends to establish intersection controls. Intersection controls in this area were not officially established in an ordinance.

Councillor Abdullah moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to move Proposal Nos. 609, 610, 611, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, and 634, 2006 to the full Council with "Do Pass" recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councillor Abdullah asked if Mr. Sheets can see if something can be done with the traffic signal at Keystone Way at the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Sheets answered that initially there were some detecting problems, but DPW will take a second look at it.

Glenn Pratt, citizen, congratulated DPW on rapidly moving ahead on the failing septic issue. He said that if these efforts continue at the same rate for the next four to five years, it can be completed in less than 20 years. He said that in looking at the human health impact, he requests that the City does not wait 20 years to get rid of raw sewage.

Conclusion

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Acting Chair

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